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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRC AMBASSADOR TSENG T'AO

1. NPC RESULTS. DURING MY FIRST MEETING WITH CHINESE AMBASSADOR TSENG T'AO, HE SAID ALL THE CHINESE WERE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE RECENT GENERAL COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS MEETINGS. HE ADDED THAT THEY WERE HISTORIC EVENT FOR CHINA. THE 1954 CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN THE BASIS FOR CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE 1975 CONSTITUTION WOULD NOW PROVIDE THE BASE FOR FUTURE SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT. TSENG ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE NAMING OF TENG HSIAO-P'ING AS FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND POINTED OUT THAT HE HEADED THE PRC DELEGATION TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. (COMMENT: TSENG APPEARED TO HAVE PEKING GUIDANCE AND EXPRESSED THE RATHER PREDICTABLE VIEWS WITH ASSURANCE.)

2. US/PRC RELATIONS. TSENG SAID THAT AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WITHOUT CONTACT THE US AND PRC PEOPLES WERE NOW BENEFITTING FROM CLOSER RELATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED SEVERAL TIMES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH STRICT
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INTERPRETATION OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. (COMMENT:

TSENG WAS OBVIOUSLY SIGNALLING THAT WE SHOULD MOVE MORE RAPIDLY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY BY REDUCING OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GRC.)

3. OTHER TOPICS. TSENG ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS, MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS, AND THE US ECONOMIC SITUATION.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR TSENG EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO CALL ON ME SOON AND TO CONTINUE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND "OUR TWO HOUSES". I BELIEVE WE SHALL HAVE USEFUL CONTACTS.
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